

dictated or composed for the National Gazette by Mr. Jefferson and that the latter had no interest of any kind in the paper. Hamilton totally disregarded the oath but could produce no proof whatever for his charges, and he was driven to the conclusion that "presumptive facts and circumstances must afford the evidence."

As for the portions of the attack that concerned Jefferson was not until September that he took any public notice of them for he was in Virginia while they continued, probably designing geometrical wheel-barrows and mould-boards of least resistance*

When he did finally take notice of them it was in answer to an appeal from the President himself, who at the same time forwarded an appeal of like tenor to Hamilton. To both parties Washington emphasized the disastrous results both at home and abroad of dissensions in his Cabinet, and he implored that there might be "mutual forbearance and temporizing yielding on all sides." Jefferson replied in a letter of great length and vigor, setting forth his "opinions against the views of Colonel Hamilton," and entering minutely into a discussion of Hamilton's charges against him. These Jefferson arranged under three heads: "First, with having written letters from Europe to my friends to oppose the present constitution while depending. Second, with a desire of not paying the public debt. Third, with setting up a paper to decry and slander the government." He emphatically denied each charge; but throughout the letter, devoted the bulk of the letter, solemnly protesting that had nothing to do with the management of Freneau's paper.

Hamilton's answer to Washington, of the same date as Jefferson's, was couched in more peaceful language, but in a few days from that time he began upon Jefferson a second series of attacks, and continued them for four succeeding months. These attacks were direct and did not involve Freneau at all; His failure, however, to overthrow Freneau rendered totally impotent the attack upon Jefferson, and when Freneau brought out the fact that Hamilton himself was doing precisely what had accused Jefferson of doing—namely, supporting a party